

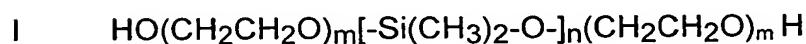
**Amendments to the Claims:**

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (Original) An aqueous hair conditioning composition comprising;

- a) from 1% to 50% by weight of a cleansing surfactant,
- b) discrete, dispersed droplets comprising a water insoluble silicone conditioning oil, wherein the Sauter mean diameter of the droplets ( $D_{3,2}$ ) is from 2 to 100 micrometres and
- c) a surface active block copolymer according to formula I:



wherein m is 30 or more, n is 5 or more and the ratio n/m is from 0.1 to 1.2.

Claim 2 (Original) A composition according to claim 1 comprising from 0.01% to 0.4% by weight of the surface active block copolymer.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended) A composition according to ~~any preceding claim~~ claim 1 wherein the silicone conditioning oil has a viscosity from 5000 to 1000000  $\text{mm}^2 \text{sec}^{-1}$  at 25° C.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended) A composition according to ~~any preceding claim~~ claim 1 wherein the silicone conditioning oil comprises a functionalised silicone.

Claim 5 (Original) A composition according to claim 4 wherein the functionalised silicone is a silicone copolyol with an HLB of 10 or less.

Claim 6 (Original) A composition according to claim 4, wherein the functionalised silicone is an amino-functionalised silicone.

Claim 7 (Original) A composition according to claim 6 wherein the amino-functionalised silicone has a weight percent amino functionality from 0.03 to 8, preferably from 0.5 to 4 percent.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended) A composition according to ~~any preceding claim~~ claim 1 wherein the composition comprises less than 0.01% by weight of a cationic deposition polymer.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended) A composition according to ~~any preceding claim~~ claim 1 wherein the cleansing surfactant is selected from the group consisting of anionic, amphoteric, zwitterionic and nonionic surfactants and mixtures thereof.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended) A method for preparing an aqueous hair conditioning composition according to ~~any preceding claim~~ claim 1 comprising the steps of:

- i) preparing a solution comprising water and the surface active block copolymer,
- ii) adding a silicone conditioning oil to the solution,
- iii) forming the solution and the silicone conditioning oil into an oil-in-water emulsion by high-shear mixing,

- iv) dispersing the oil-in-water emulsion comprising the block copolymer into a hair conditioning composition.

Claim 11 (Original) A method for preparing a hair conditioning composition according to claim 1 comprising the steps of:

- i) preparing an oil-in-water emulsion of a silicone conditioning oil,
- ii) dispersing the surface active block copolymer into the emulsion,
- iii) dispersing the oil-in-water emulsion comprising the block copolymer into a hair conditioning composition.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended) The use of a composition according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 9~~ claim 1 for cleaning and conditioning hair.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended) A method of cleaning and conditioning hair by applying a composition according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 9~~ claim 1 followed by rinsing.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended) The use of a composition according to ~~any of claims 1 to 9~~ claim 1 for improving the deposition of silicone conditioning oil onto the tip region of hair relative to the root region of hair.